

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 3-30-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: LEON JAWORSKI
ATTORNEY
HOUSTON, TEXAS

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"The Washington Daily News" of 3-28-64, in a feature entitled "In The Offing," which is a "weekly size-up" of Washington news, reported that captioned individual, a long-time friend of President Johnson, may be the next Attorney General if President Johnson is re-elected and Attorney General Kennedy resigns as he has indicated he will do. This article reflects that Jaworski was a lawyer for the Texas Democrats in 1960 when Republicans tried to block certification of the states' electoral votes for the Kennedy-Johnson ticket and that Jaworski outmaneuvered the opposition.

The article also stated that Attorney General Kennedy picked Jaworski in 1962 to prosecute Governor Ross Barnett on criminal contempt of court charges as he wanted a lawyer outside of the Justice Department to handle this case. This case is still pending and the Supreme Court is due to rule on whether it should be heard by a jury. Jaworski has argued against this.

The Director has inquired, "What do our files show on Jaworski? H."

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

The current "Who's Who" reflects that Mr. Jaworski was born 9-19-05, Waco, Texas. He received an LL. B. degree from Baylor University in 1925, an LL. M. degree from George Washington University in 1926 and a Doctor of Laws degree from Baylor in 1960. He is married and has three children. He was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1925 and is a senior partner in the Houston law firm of Fulbright, Crooker, Freeman, Bates and Jaworski. He is a past president of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Texas Civil Judicial Council. Mr. Jaworski was a Colonel in the Judge Advocate General's Department, U. S. Army, during World War II and prosecuted war crimes trials in Germany. He resides at 3665 Ella Lee Lane, Houston. The Bureau has never investigated Jaworski and files contain no derogatory information concerning him. As a Captain in the Army in 1942, he addressed an FBI quarterly police conference in Texas and spoke highly of the FBI and the Director. (66-9340-45-189) As a Lieutenant Colonel in 1944, he was in contact with the Laboratory in connection with an examination of evidence in a case in which the Army was interested. (95-10107-10) Files reflect that Jaworski invited the Director to address groups in Texas in 1950 and 1960; however, both invitations were cordially declined. (94-54120)

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The Washington Post and Times Herald of 12-23-62, carried an article which reported that Attorney General Kennedy had appointed Jaworski on 12-22-62, to 1 - Mr. DeLoach ELR:eab (6)

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